

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which have admirably devoted themselves to clarifying and illustrating the past in order to educate and prepare each generation of new citizens for roles as future societal leaders; and

Whereas, from September 20 to October 26, 2003, the Smithsonian Institution's "Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-1945" traveling exhibition will be featured at Longwell Museum on the campus of Crowder College in Neosho in cooperation with the Newton County Historical Society; and

Whereas, Produce for Victory features reproductions of twenty-five posters which circulated in the United States during World War II to promote patriotism and to increase industrial output; and

Whereas, displayed in factories, shop windows, schools, and other public places around the country, the posters in Produce for Victory helped to rally this nation to take the steps necessary at home to support our military efforts overseas turning a time of worldwide turmoil; and

Whereas, taken from the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History collections, Produce for Victory posters instructed citizens to conserve automobile fuel by carpooling, to organize scrap drives, and to grow victory gardens to reduce the burden on farmers who were growing crops for overseas consumption; and

Whereas, the Newton County Historical Society and Crowder College will hold a series of events in conjunction with the Produce for Victory exhibit, including a Camp Crowder Mess Hall Dinner and USO Show; the History Alley gathering of historical groups from around the region; a Crowder Connections talk by Michele Hansford, Director at Powers Museum, concerning the relationship between Camp Crowder and the Powers family of Carthage; and a book review and signing by David Fieldler, author of The Enemy Among Us: German & Italian P.O.W.s in Missouri During World War II;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the arrival of a Smithsonian traveling historical exhibit in southwest Missouri and to convey to all of those involved, especially representatives from the Newton County Historical Society, Crowder College, and the Longwell Museum, this legislative body's heartiest commendation of their considerable efforts and our best wishes for continued success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in recognition of the "Produce For Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-1945" exhibition.

Offered by _____
Representative Kevin Wilson
District No. 130

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4014, adopted September 10, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker